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SUBJ: MARINE GUARDS FOR CONSULATE GENERAL CASABLANCA

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1. DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED DCM JUNE 19 THAT GOM HAD DECIDED IT COULD NOT APPROVE STATIONING OF MARINE SECURITY GUARD AT CONSULATE GENERAL CASABLANCA. MOROCCANS WERE PROVIDING GOOD DEAL OF SECURITY CONVERAGE ALREADY AND DID NOT THINK ANY MORE NEEDED. HE ENUMERATED PRESENT MOROCCAN PROTECTION PROVIDED AS BEING;  
2. PLAINCLOTHESMEN IN A RADIO CAR, TWO UNIFORMED POLICEMEN IN FRONT OF BUILDING AND ONE ROVING PATROL CAR. THERE WERE ALSO TWO POLICEMEN IN FRONT OF CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE. EXTRA POLICE WERE PROVIDED ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND IF WE THOUGHT WE NEEDED MORE PROTECTION, MOROCCANS PREPARED TO COOPERATE.

2. DCM EXPLAINED THAT OUR CONCERN NOT SO MUCH EXTERNAL AS IT WAS INTERNAL. IN PARTICULAR, WE NEEDED SOMEONE TO SCREEN VISITORS. MOROCCAN POLICE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED, NOR WOULD WE WANT THEM TO, EXAMINE BRIEFCASES AND PACKAGES BROUGHT IN BY VISITORS, FOR INSTANCE.

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BELKORA SUGGESTED WE HIRE OR BRING IN CIVILIAN GUARDS

FOR THAT PURPOSE.

3. I PLAN TO RAISE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON NEXT  
SUITABLE OCCASION BUT FEAR MOROCCAN PRIDE ENGAGED IN  
THIS ISSUE. WHAT WOULD BE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING,  
SAY, TWO AMERICAN CIVILIAN GUARDS TO GIVE INTERNAL  
COVERAGE DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY? ALTERNATIVELY,  
WE MIGHT BE ABLE RECRUIT SOMEONE FROM LOCAL POLICE  
FORCE WHO EDUCATED AND COMPETENT AND WHO COULD BE ARMED  
BY AGREEMENT WITH MINISTRY INTERIOR. THIS WOULD NOT,  
OF COURSE, PROVIDE TYPE OF SECURITY MARINES GIVE, BUT  
IT WOULD BE IMPROVEMENT OVER PRESENT SITUATION.  
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